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## HURRICANE ZEPHYR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY EXERCISE

**Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department to Participate in  
Statewide Hurricane Response and Recovery Exercise**

*Fire Department Conducts an Additional Collapse Rescue Exercise*

**Baltimore, MD** - On April 25-26, 2007 the Baltimore City Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is sponsoring a two-day citywide exercise to test and practice the City's response to and recovery from a major hurricane, *Hurricane Zephyr*. Part of Maryland's statewide "Regional Response Exercise 07," the exercise play will test our state's ability to coordinate resources with regional partners Washington, D.C. and the state of Virginia.

The exercise scenario will simulate recovery from a category three hurricane, "*Hurricane Zephyr*," that has impacted the entire region. On Thursday, April 26, every local jurisdiction in Maryland, including Baltimore, will activate its Emergency Operations Center to participate at a functional level testing local and statewide recovery operations. **Thursday, April 26, operations will begin at Baltimore's Emergency Operations Center #1 located at 620 Fallsview beginning at 9:00AM**

**The day before, Wednesday, April 25, Baltimore City will conduct an additional exercise to test the Fire Department's tactical response to a building collapse, and the OEM's ability to manage recovery efforts. The tactical piece of the exercise will take place at 6400 Pulaski Highway beginning at 7:00 AM.** On site will be highly trained rescue teams from the fire department's Special Operations Command (SOC), specialized recovery equipment including a crane and loads of construction debris simulating the building collapse.

**The recovery management component will begin at 9:00 AM at Baltimore City's Emergency Operations Center #2 located underneath the firehouse at 1201 E. Coldspring Lane.** Representative from city agencies will be on hand. The goal is to coordinate response to numerous issues throughout the city including rescues, environmental impact, damage assessment, debris removal, public safety, and human services needs.

**What: Hurricane Zephyr Response and Recovery Exercise 2007**

**When: Wednesday, April 25 and Thursday, April 26, 2007**  
*EOC Operations begin at 9:00AM on both days*  
*SOC Recovery Operations begin at 7:00AM (April 25<sup>th</sup> only)*

**Where: Wednesday - SOC Tactical Operations Located at 6400 Pulaski Hwy**  
**OEM Recovery Management Operations Located at 1201 E. Coldspring Lane**  
**Thursday - OEM Recovery Management Operations Located at 620 Fallsview**

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